

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1308, Child Tax Credit.

House passed H.R. 1474, Check 21 Act.

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 190, to establish a Joint Committee to Review House and Senate Rules Pertaining to the Continuity of Congress.

House passed S. 222, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act and S. 273, Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act—clearing the measures for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7417–S7509

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1188–1205, and S. Res. 160–161. **Page S7476**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 116, commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Al Lerner. **Page S7476**

Measures Passed:

Child Tax Credit: Senate passed H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7449–59**

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 210), Grassley Amendment No. 862, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7449–56**

Grassley/Lincoln Amendment No. 863, to amend the title. **Page S7459**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House of Representatives thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Nickles, Lott, Baucus, and Lincoln. **Page S7509**

Commemorating the Life of Al Lerner: Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Al Lerner. **Pages S7507–08**

Commending Clemson University Men's Golf Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, commending

the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship. **Page S7508**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7421–49, S7459–62**

Adopted:

Boxer Amendment No. 854 (to Amendment No. 850), to promote the use of cellulosic biomass ethanol derived from agricultural residue. **Pages S7421–23, S7444**

By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 209), Domenici (for Frist) Amendment No. 850, to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence. **Page S7447**

Domenici (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 860 (to Amendment No. 840), to reauthorize LIHEAP, weatherization assistance, and State energy programs. **Pages S7448–49**

Domenici/Bingaman Amendment No. 840, to reauthorize Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), weatherization assistance, and State energy programs. **Page S7442–43**

Rejected:

By 26 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 207), Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 853 (to Amendment No. 850), to exclude Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts I, IV, and V from the renewable fuel program. **Page S7442–43**

By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 208), Boxer Amendment No. 856 (to Amendment No. 850), to provide for equal liability treatment of vehicle fuels and fuel additives. **Pages S7423–32, S7443–44**

Withdrawn:

Domenici (for Gregg) Amendment No. 841 (to Amendment No. 840), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the reauthorization of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. **Pages S7448–49**

Pending:

Campbell/Domenici Amendment No. 864, to replace “tribal consortia” with “tribal energy resource development organizations”. **Pages S7459–62**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, when the Senate considers the Wyden/Sununu amendment relative to commercial nuclear power plants, there be 2 hours equally divided; that no amendments to the amendment or the language proposed to be stricken be in order prior to the vote on or in relation to the amendment; and that the amendment remain debatable and amendable, if not disposed of.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2003. **Page S7509**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2003, with 30 minutes of debate, to be followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 5:45 p.m. **Page S7507**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S7509**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Karin J. Immergut, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Lance Robert Olson, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Page S7509**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7497–S7506**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S7506–07**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S7507**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—210) **Pages S7443, S7443–44, S7447, S7456**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 9, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Defense Production Act, focusing on its role in helping to obtain the goods and services needed to promote the national defense, after receiving testimony from Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, and Suzanne D. Patrick, Deputy Under Secretary for Industrial Policy, both of the Department of Defense; Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security; R. David Paulison, Director, Preparedness Division, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and Denise Swink, Acting Director, Office of Energy Assurance, Department of Energy.

INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL FINANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings to examine intercity passenger rail finance, focusing on existing and future Amtrak services, government and freight railroad subsidization, and a separate and sealed future high-